

LITERARY NOTES.

The latest volumes of the beautiful new edition of Hawthorne's works, published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., are the "American Note-Books" and the "French and Italian Note-Books."

The statement made by a Boston newspaper and quoted here concerning Mr. Crawford's new story was, it is pleasant to know, wholly incorrect. Mr. Aldrich has had the MS. of "A Roman Singer" in his possession for the past three months, and the first instalment will appear as announced, in the July number of *The Atlantic*.

Professor Max Muller has contributed to a German periodical an article on "God Save the Queen" as a National Anthem for India, and added to a Sanskrit rendering of the hymn a translation of the Sanskrit letter with which he forwarded the version to the Brahmanist leader, Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen. It is said that the proposal to translate that National Anthem into the vernacular languages has never struck root in India.

Mr. Augustus Hoppin has written, and Houghton Mifflin & Co. are about to publish, a humoristic story of summer life in the country. It is called "A Fashionable Sufferer," and is illustrated by the author.

The most important of the "Roundels" in Mr. Swinburne's forthcoming volume are descriptive of a swimming expedition in the Channel Islands with Mr. Theodore Watts.

Mr. Browning's "Flight of the Duchess" was suggested, it is said, by the burden of a song which the poet when a boy heard a woman singing on Guy Fawkes' Day. "Following the Queen of the Gypsies, O!" was the particular line which rested in his memory and stirred him afterward to the writing of the first part of the poem. While busy with it he was interrupted, says *The Academy*, by the arrival of a friend on some important business, which drove all thoughts of the Duchess and the scheme of her story out of the poet's head. But some months after the publication of the first part, when he was staying at Bettisfield Park, in Wales, a guest, speaking of early winter, said: "The deer had already to break the ice in the pond?" On this a fancy struck the poet, and, on returning home, he worked it up into the conclusion of "The Flight of the Duchess," as it now stands.

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